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Transfer of Reparations Orders; Removal of Stored
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1. Chief of the Economics Division, SMA Karlshorst, has ordered that
all reparations orders now classified as export orders must be allotted to
Soviet AGs and state-owned factories only. Contracts with private-owned factories
are to be transferred by 15 January 1948. Special political police are to
enforce secrecy in the factories. Private-owned factories with more than
250 employees, totalling some 870 are to be socialized on
whatever pretext is available.

2. Additional 5,000 railroad cars
monthly were demanded for transporting articles from depots to Russia. An
estimated 1,800,000 tons of goods stored in depots must be removed by 31 January
1948. New production is accumulating at the rate of 350,000 tons per month.

3. The reason for the rapid removal of stored goods
to Russia is not only to clear depots but especially to remove any evidence in
case of four-power investigations of reparations question. An additional
reason is the need to meet the great demand for goods in Russia created as a
result of the currency reform and the end of rationing.

Comment:

many railroad cars are
being sent to the Dresden area to evacuate dismantled material and industrial
products. It is further stated that a special report on available railroad
cars was ordered on 5 December 1947.)

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